

commerce in southeastern Europe and an influx of refugees caused by the conflict in neighboring Serbia;

(5) the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria should ensure the expedition ratification of all bilateral treaties that have been negotiated with the neighboring Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

(6) the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria should undertake steps to immediately halt any illicit transfer of arms and military equipment that may occur in Bulgaria or may cross Bulgarian territory;

(7) the Republic of Bulgaria should play a central role in any effort by the NATO to create a joint peacekeeping military unit involving personnel from throughout the countries of southeastern Europe or in the creation of facilities in support of such a peacekeeping unit; and

(8) the United States should join other official creditors of the Republic of Bulgaria in providing Bulgaria with relief from such official debt through rescheduling and, where appropriate, forgiveness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 29, 1999, I inadvertently voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 352, the Moakley amendment to prohibit any funding for the U.S. Army School of the Americas located at Fort Benning, GA. As a cosponsor of legislation calling for the closure of the School of the Americas, and having consistently voted to prohibit funding for the School of the Americas in the past, I fully intended to cast my vote in favor of the Moakley amendment, rollcall vote No. 352.

TRIBUTE TO HUGH CHISOLM DALE

HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hugh Chisolm Dale who received the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree on May 15, 1999, from Erskine College in Due West, South Carolina.

Without question, Hugh Dale is one of Erskine's most loyal alumni, and one of South Alabama's most outstanding citizens. Erskine awarded him the Alumni Distinguished Service Award in 1972 and the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award in 1987. In addition, he served as a member of the Erskine Board of Trustees for twelve years, and was Chairman of the Board from 1967 to 1969.

While he is naturally proud of his relationship to his alma mater, Mr. Dale has also been a one-man chamber of commerce for his hometown of Camden, Alabama. He retired as senior vice President with the Camden National Bank in 1973, having first started with the bank back in 1951. In this capacity, he was often called upon to help lead numerous civic and community events which, in turn, helped the growth and development of Camden and Wilcox County.

Mr. Dale is the son of Hugh Henry Dale and Lillie Packer Chisolm and was born in Camden in 1911. He was valedictorian of the 1928 Wilcox County High School class and graduated cum laude from Erskine with a BA in chemistry in 1932. In 1935, he received a Master of Arts degree, also in chemistry, from Columbia University.

The first ten years after graduation were spent teaching school in Alabama, South Carolina, and Georgia. He then served in the United States Air Force as a preflight instructor during the Second World War, rising to the rank of Major. For the five years immediately following the war he worked for the Veterans Administration in Montgomery. After that, he returned to his hometown of Camden, where he has lived ever since.

Mr. Dale is married to the former Margaret Isabel Ware, and they have two daughters, Margaret Caroline Dale Austin and Jane Shelton Dale, both of whom also graduated from Erskine College. He has been a deacon and elder in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, in Camden, where he served for years as its treasurer.

Mr. Speaker, Hugh Dale is a man of the highest moral character, and he has lived his entire life with the aim of serving his fellow man. It is appropriate that Erskine College recognized one of its most outstanding alumni in this way, and it is a tribute for a job well done.

I salute Mr. Dale for his many lifetime achievements, and wish him only good health and God's Blessings as he continues on life's journey.

SUPPORT FOR ROMANIA, H. CON. RES. 169

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 169 outlines our United States foreign policy towards Romania, recognizes the strides Romania has taken in economic and political reforms since the end of the cold war, recognizes the steps Romania has taken to improve relations with its neighbors and to prepare itself for eventual integration into the pan-European and trans-Atlantic communities, and urges Romania forward in its reforms, despite its current economic difficulties.

Mr. Speaker, although Romania had taken reform-oriented steps early in this decade, the elections of November 1996, the first since 1937 that led to a peaceful transfer of power under a democratic system, provided a fresh opportunity to push reforms forward. These reforms undertaken in the midst of economic hardship made worse by corruption, criminal activities, and the disruptions in commerce in southeast Europe caused by international sanctions and military actions against neighboring Serbia, have a long way to go.

I believe, however, that it is important to encourage Romania to continue with its reforms. I also believe that it should be our policy to support Romania's eventual integration into pan-European and trans-Atlantic economic and security institutions. In this regard, I note that Romania was the very first country to join NATO's "Partnership for Peace" program and that it has spent most of this decade working

to reform its military and adopt procedures for its military forces that are compatible with those of the NATO alliance.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues to support House Concurrent Resolution 169, an important statement of United States support for Romania, for its program of reforms, and for its eventual integration into the trans-Atlantic community. I submit that the text of H. Con. Res. 169 be inserted at this point in the RECORD.

H. CON. RES. 169

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) Romania has negotiated, agreed to, and ratified an important bilateral treaty with the neighboring Republic of Hungary that recognizes the borders of those two countries and provides for the protection of the civil liberties of citizens who are members of national minorities.

(2) Romania has negotiated, agreed to, and ratified an important bilateral treaty with neighboring Ukraine that recognizes the borders of those two countries.

(3) The November 1996 electoral change in the Government of Romania was the first such change under a democratic political system in Romania since 1937.

(4) Romania was the first country to join the "Partnership for Peace" program of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), in January 1994, has since become an active participant in that program, is a member of NATO's Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council, and has stated its strong interest in admission into NATO and into the European Union.

(5) The Government of Romania has worked to ensure civilian control over its armed forces and has begun to implement military reform through force reductions, reorganization of officer ranks, and adoption of NATO-compatible procedures.

(6) Romania has provided military personnel for participation in and support of multinational peacekeeping operations.

(7) The Government of Romania has stated its continuing support for the mission of NATO in supporting democratization and stability across Europe.

SEC. 2. POLICY TOWARD ROMANIA.

It is the policy of the United States—

(1) to promote the development in Romania of a market-based economy and a democratic government that respects the rights of all of its citizens, regardless of ethnic background;

(2) to support the territorial integrity of Romania and to insist that the territorial integrity of Romania be respected by all neighboring countries and by all political movements within and outside Romania; and

(3) to support the integration of Romania into pan-European and trans-Atlantic economic and security institutions.

SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the United States should support efforts by Romania to integrate into pan-European and trans-Atlantic institutions and should view such integration as an important factor in consolidating democratic government in Romania;

(2) Romania is to be commended for its work to achieve bilateral treaties with the Republic of Hungary and Ukraine and the Government of Romania should now work expeditiously to negotiate, agree to, and ratify a bilateral treaty with the neighboring Republic of Moldova that recognizes the borders of those two countries;

(3) the Government of Romania should accelerate necessary economic reforms, particularly privatization of state-owned enterprises under a fair and transparent process

and privatization of the agricultural sector to include privatization of land and of major agri-business enterprises;

(4) the Government of Romania should, in a concrete manner, address corrupt and criminal activities at all levels;

(5) the United States should undertake to assist Romania to address the costs of disruptions in commerce in southeastern Europe caused by the conflict in neighboring Serbia; and

(6) the United States should join other official creditors of Romania in providing Romania with relief from such official debt through rescheduling and, where appropriate, forgiveness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for one vote on Friday, July 30, 1999, missing rollcall vote 355. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. GUTHANS

HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bobby Guthans a respected leader in his field, an outstanding citizen in our community and quite frankly, as fine a gentleman as I have ever known. On a personal note, I am also pleased and honored to call Bobby Guthans my friend.

Bobby recently retired as president of Midstream Fuel Inc., Petroleum Energy Products Co., and Tenn-Tom Towing Co. As one of the founders of Midstream back in 1974, Bobby helped build a company that soon became recognized around the world as one of the innovative leaders in the maritime industry.

Bobby's success at Midstream didn't just happen because he's a nice guy with a great outlook on life, although he is certainly that.

It was the product of hard work, a good business head on his shoulders and a work ethic and respect for others that is second-to-none. In addition, Bobby, and his lovely wife Barbara Ann, come from the old school who believe "it is better to give than receive."

As such, they have volunteered literally untold hours in worthy civic and charitable endeavors, always with the attitude that it is right to give something back to your community and to your fellow man. Both Bobby and Barbara Ann are without peers when it comes to their generosity.

While being a first-class CEO, as well as a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, Bobby has also found time to hold down many important positions of leadership in his industry as well as his community. Some of these include: Chairman of the Board of American Waterways Operators; Chairman of the Southern Region of the AWO; Chairman of the Board of the Mobile Area Chamber of Com-

merce; Director of the Executive Committee of the Warrior-Tombigbee Development Association; and Director of the World Dredging Association.

In addition, he is on the boards of the Mobile Economic Development Council, the Mobile Industrial Development Board, the National Waterways Conference, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, the Geological Survey of Alabama and the Navy League of Mobile.

Bobby's community spirit has not gone without notice or thanks. Earlier this year, the U.S. Coast Guard bestowed upon Bobby its second-highest honor, the Meritorious Public Service Commendation. In addition, he has received the Alfred F. Delchamps, Jr. Award and the National Rivers Hall of Fame Achievement Award. In 1990, the Propellor Club named him Maritime Man of the Year.

Bobby is a native of Mobile and is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, where he was commissioned as an Army officer and spent the next two years fighting for his country in the Korean Conflict. Today, Bobby serves on the board of VMI, as well as on the board of Spring Hill College in Mobile.

There are few people in the life of Mobile who have given as much, and as often, as has Bobby Guthans. Today, Bobby has chosen to spend a little more time with his bride of 40-plus years, their two children, Robert A. Guthans, Jr. and Jean Guthans Wilkins, and their five beautiful grandchildren. But that doesn't mean he's going to have a lot of free time on his hands, for Bobby doesn't know how to slow down. As he recently told a reporter from the Mobile Register, "I've got to be doing something. I'm not the kind of person who can spend his days hitting golf balls around."

Mr. Speaker, that's good news for Mobile, Alabama. For if you think about all that Bobby Guthans has been able to do for his community, his state and his nation while he was also running a multi-million dollar corporation, just think what he'll be able to do now that he doesn't have to show up to work at seven o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Bobby Guthans. He's a good man and a wonderful role model for us all.

THE PASSING OF FATHER PETER LAPPIN

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret informing our colleagues of the passing of one of the most remarkable and accomplished residents of my 20th Congressional District of New York.

Father Peter Lappin, the author of 17 books on Christian theology, has been considered the spiritual leader of the Irish community in my congressional district. He long served as chaplain to the Rockland County Ancient Order of Hibernians and was a longtime supporter of the peace process in Ireland.

Father Peter Lappin devoted his life to the Salesian Fathers of which he was a member.

He resided at the Marian Shrine and Don Bosco Retreat in Rockland County for over 25 years. He had first taken his vows as a Salesian of Don Bosco back in 1933, and lived in our Hudson Valley region of New York since 1961.

Father Lappin, who was 88 years young when a heart attack claimed him suddenly yesterday, was born in Belfast. He attended the Belfast School of Technology, the Pallakenry College, and the Salesian College, Cowley, Oxford. Father Lappin then traveled to China where he continued his studies at the International School of Theology in Shanghai and the Salesian Studenat in Hong Kong. Father Lappin was finally ordained as a Salesian Priest in Shanghai, and subsequently he spent 16 years in Shanghai as a teacher and a parish priest.

Father Lappin also studied at Fordham University and the Columbia School Writing, both in New York City.

Father Lappin gained fame in many ways. In addition to his noted best selling books, including "Stories of Don Bosco" and biographies of contemporary Christian heroes, he was author of the "Salesian Bulletin". He was an editorial board member of "The Biographical Memoirs of Saint John Bosco" and was a lecturer on South America and the Far East. Father Lappin was active in the Knights of Columbus and in the Cambridge Society of Biographers.

Father Lappin was widely regarded for his talent at writing children's books which expressed the Catholic faith in a manner that youngsters could readily understand. He has a tremendous impact on countless generations of young readers.

Father Lappin's writings earned for him the Venice Festival awards, the Catholic Family Club award, and two Catholic Literacy Foundation awards.

Mrs. Gilman and I came to know Father Peter Lappin over many years, as a result of his deeply felt passion for a permanent peace in Ireland. Father Lappin traveled to the emerald isle extensively in his quest for a lasting peace in his homeland. He devoted much of his life to a resolution of the troubles in the north, and closely followed—and supported—the recent peace initiatives for Ireland.

In losing Father Lappin, Georgia and I have lost not only a fond friend but an outstanding advocate of peace throughout the world.

Danny Withers, one of the more prominent of Irish-American leaders in my district, stated:

Father Lappin was a great supporter of independence for Ireland, and he used his God-given gift of the written word to help garner support for this worthy cause.

Father Lappin came to our Nation in 1961. He worked out of the New Rochelle headquarters of the Salesians for 11 years, traveling throughout our Nation and continuing his writings. He became a household word in Rockland Country for the past quarter century, due to his compassion, his love of all people but most especially children, and his dynamic personality.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join with me in extending our condolences to Father Lappin's half brother, Father James Brawley of Australia, and to all of his fellow Salesian fathers. His were huge footsteps that will be difficult to fill.